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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant:	Randall W. Nelson	Docket No.:	41821.0236
Serial No.:	09/524,422	Examiner:	Gary W. Counts
Filed:	March 11, 2000	Art Unit:	1641
Title:	MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2004, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to July 6, 2004 (in that July 5, 2004 was a federal holiday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)				Docket No. 41821.0236
Applicant(s): <u>Randall W. Nelson et al.</u>				
Serial No. 09/524,322	JUL 09 2004	Filing Date March 11, 2000	Examiner Gary W. Counts	Group Art Unit 1641
Invention: <u>Mass Spectrometric Immunoassay</u>				JUL 13 2004

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	4	22 =	0	x \$9.00	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3 =	0	x \$43.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
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